Recovery of Excess Tariff by GAIL

†2219. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tariff Commission constituted by Government has clarified that 28 per cent excess gas transmission tariff is being recovered by the Gas Authority of India Limited;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether Government have decided to terminate the above excess recovery; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (d) An Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) was constituted to examine issues relating to the supply of natural gas and LNG to the fertilizer industry. The IMG had decided to refer various issues, including transmission, for examination by Tariff Commission. Tariff Commission has made certain recommendations for the consideration of Government. Government have so far not taken any decision on the recommendations made by the Tariff Commission.

National Consumers forum's direction on weight of cylinder

†2220. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Consumers Forum has directed the Indian Oil Corporation to deliver the L.P.G. cylinders after weighting it in front of the consumers;

(b) if so, whether Government have directed all L.P.G. seller companies to follow the said instructions; and

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(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) While deciding a consumer dispute case (original Petition No. 224 of 2001), the National Consumers Dispute Redressal Commission (NCDRC) directed that Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) should ensure that weighing scales are made available to all deliverymen to deliver domestic LPG cylinders to customers only after weighing them in their presence.

(b) and (c) Government have not given any specific instructions to Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in the matter. However, OMCs have reported that their LPG distributors are under instructions to ensure 100% weighment of cylinders at their godown before delivery at the customers premises. In a bid to enhance customer satisfaction levels, distributors in selected markets have been advised by OMCs to provide a spring balance to enable the customer to verify the correctness of the weight of LPG in the cylinder. OMCs have introduced this scheme in major markets of the country.

Regulatory Authority for Petroleum sector

†2221. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is necessity of the constitution of an independent regulatory authority for the petroleum and natural gas sector;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government have also taken any decision in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when it would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (e) Government are proposing to

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